

# **CITY OF DETROIT FISCAL 2005/06 BUDGET**

## **AGENCY 45 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The Department of Administrative Hearings will help support the Mayor's initiative to create a cleaner city by establishing an efficient and cost-effective manner to adjudicate cases in an impartial and independent forum.

### **DESCRIPTION**

The Department of Administrative Hearings (DAH) will replace the Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau (MOVB), establishing procedures for the administration and adjudication of blight violators. The Zoning, Solid Waste and Property Maintenance branches of the MOVB will dissolve and be replaced by divisions administered under the DAH. The DAH will assess civil fines and costs pursuant to the schedules of violations for the Blight Ordinances. Under the DAH, violation notices will contain hearing dates, so no separate citation will be generated, and hearings will yield Decisions and Orders with which a defendant must comply or appeal to 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court of Michigan.

### **GOALS**

1. Adjudicate unlimited numbers of blight code violations issued by authorized City agents.
2. Streamline adjudication of code violations by providing administrative hearings.
3. Enhance collectibility of fines and fees, through garnishments and liens utilizing the Department's decisions and orders.
4. Adjudicate violations with sensitivity to their impact on the escalating problem of blight in Detroit.

### **DEPARTMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

	<u>GENERAL</u> <u>FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
EXPENDITURES	\$2,535,851	\$2,535,851
REVENUES	<u>1,644,000</u>	<u>1,644,000</u>
NET TAX COST	\$ 891,851	\$ 891,851
POSITIONS	6	6